13. Saurashtra University, Rajkot
14. Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Puri
15. Shanmugha Arts, Science Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA), Tamil Nadu
16. Vikram University, Ujjain

Extra remuneration to Anganwadi workers

2461. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where ACA for Supplementary Nutrition in the Anganwadi centres under the PMGY is being implemented; and

(b) how many Anganwadi workers and helpers are being paid extra remuneration by Government, for this extra work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for Supplementary Nutrition in the Anganwadi Centres under PMGY is being implemented in all States and UTs.

(b) During 2001-02, funds were released to the States/UTs for payment of extra remuneration to 453238, Anganwadi workers and helpers for this extra work.

Free education to girls in Punjab

†2462. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's schemes with regard to free education to girls;

(b) the funds allocated under these schemes; and

(c) the details of funds allocated so far to Punjab Government and Non-Governmental Organisation of Punjab, for this purpose?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Education at elementary level is free for all children including girls. Government of India has recently launched the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to provide elementary education to all children in 6—14 year age-group by 2010. The on-going elementary education schemes, like the District Primary Education Programme (being implemented in 273 districts of 18 States), Lok Jumbish & Shiksha Karmi Projects (being implemented in Rajasthan) are also being implemented within the framework of SSA having a special focus on girls' education, with a provision of free text books to all girls/SC/ST children, specific innovative interventions for girls' education, enrolment and retention drives, community mobilisation, separate toilets for girls and remedial/coaching classes. The Tenth Plan allocation for elementary education is Rs. 28,750 crores, including Rs. 17,000 crores for SSA. Funds amounting to Rs. 91.00 lakhs during 2000-01, Rs. 5709.33 lakhs during 2001-02 and Rs. 4868.00 lakhs during 2002-03 (upto 31.11.2002) have been released to Punjab under SSA.

Under the scheme for Strengthening of Boarding and Hostel Facilities for Girl Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, financial assistance is being given to the eligible voluntary organisations to improve the enrolment of adolescent girls belonging to rural areas and weaker sections. This scheme is now being implemented as a component of the new scheme of 'Access with Equity' introduced from the Tenth Five Year Plan. No funds have been released to Punjab so far under these schemes.

Operational ICDS projects

2463. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of operational ICDS projects in the country, as on date; and

(b) the details regardings the total number of Anganwadi centres and the Anganwadi workers and helpers, working in the country, State-wise?